## In The Matter Of:

City of Detroit, Michigan

R. Craig Hupp July 14, 2014



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	EXAMINATION BY MS. BADALAMENTI 59		_	Q. Would you tell us your educational background.
	RE-EXAMINATION BY MR. WATSON 68			A. I have a bachelor of science in mechanical
8	RE-EXAMINATION BT MR. WATSON 00			
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	DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 4 40		15	A. I was admitted to the bar in February or March of
	DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 5 55		16	
17	DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 6 56		17	Q. And who
18	DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 7 58		18	A. It would have been a little later than that. It
19			19	would have been May of '84. Bar exam was in
20			20	February.
21			21	Q. I understand you work at Bodman?
22			22	A. I've worked at Bodman my entire career.
23			23	Q. Okay. And what area are you in?
24			24	A. I practice in two practice groups,
25				environmental the environmental practice group
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1	Clinton Township, Michigan		1	and the litigation practice group.
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whether certain sorts of projects need to comply

with the law could go ahead over various reasons.

Page 9 Page 11 Macomb County? At one point there was various ancillary disputes 2 A. Our firm has represented the Office of Public 2 that would arise in the case. It just -- and then 3 Works since 1977 on matters related to DWSD rates 3 ultimately at the time of Judge Feikens's 4 and the county's contract for wastewater services. 4 retirement and the transfer to Judge Cox, the That continues through today. I have handled --5 larger question of restructuring DWSD governance 5 6 provided environmental advice on a bunch of 6 and getting DWSD separated from Detroit, which was 7 environmental issues as they have arisen for the 7 a process that counties weren't very much involved department, wetlands, soil sedimentation issues. 8 with continued, and sort of the regional authority 8 With others I've been involved in several lawsuits 9 negotiations that have gone over the last year 10 involving construction claims, at least one 10 have been a part of that continuum. So there's 11 lawsuit to recover environmental cleanup costs, 11 been this -- over the 35 plus years, there's been 12 you know. There have certainly been other matters 12 a very broad type of activities that occurred in 13 but that kind of gives you a general picture, I 13 that case. 14 hope. 14 Q. Now, one thing I think I heard you say is that 15 after a point it became pretty clear that if an 15 Q. Have you been involved in representing Macomb County in what we've referred to in this 16 entity like Macomb had a dispute with DWSD, that 17 litigation as the Feikens case? 17 would be heard in federal court before Judge 18 A. Yes. Feikens? 18 19 Q. What types of things have you done in that 19 A. Yeah. That wasn't universally true. If it 20 Feikens case? 20 involved rates and charges or the management of 21 A. First and foremost the Feikens case was filed in 21 DWSD, that was certainly the case. That was the 1977. And that became the litigation or the place 22 22 case up until Judge Feikens's retired. There were 23 or the forum -- forum, I guess, where disputes 23 other cases -- Macomb County had a dispute with 24 over rates and charges from Detroit mostly got 24 Detroit over some potential damage to a Macomb 25 played out. That's something that arose as soon 25 County facility, and that case proceeded in state Page 10 Page 12 as the 1977 case was filed. And thereafter there court, for example. But if it involved rates and 1 were occasions when one or more of the wholesale charges or anything like that, one way or the 3 customers challenged some aspect of the charges in 3 other, it would wind up in front of Judge Feikens. state court. Detroit removed it to federal court. 4 Q. Are you familiar with a settlement agreement, I 4 5 Judge Feikens made clear he believed those think, that was actually dated May 2009 between 6 disputes belonged in his court. He made that Macomb and Detroit and Oakland counties, perhaps 7 7 point often enough by 1982 or 1983 that thereafter other entities? 8 A. I am. 8 nobody tried to go to state court, because they 9 were just going to end up in front of Judge **9** Q. And what was your involvement in that settlement Feikens. 10 10 agreement, if any? 11 And so most -- until actually the 11 A. I represented with others -- I'm sure there were 12 global settlement in 2008, most -- any significant 12 other lawyers at Bodman. I was the principal 13 rate dispute wound up playing out in front of 13 lawyer involved. I represented Macomb County 14 Judge Feikens through contested motions or other 14 Office of Public Works in a negotiation of that sorts of matters. In addition, often under the 15 settlement agreement and its documentation. 15 16 court's oversight or whatever, in various periods 16 MR. WATSON: I'm going to get this one 17 17 of history, the court became involved in marked. It's been marked before, but I didn't overseeing and attempting to rectify DWSD bring the exhibits from the other dep. Maybe 18 18 management with the objective of having DWSD be 19 we'll just mark that as Hupp Exhibit 1. 19 20 20 able to comply with the Clean Water Act; and that MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION: 21 would involve wholesale customer involvement in 21 **DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 1** the process in terms of consent decrease intended 22 8:20 a.m. 22 23 to accomplish management reforms, disputes over 23 BY MR. WATSON:

24 Q. Mr. Hupp, you've been handed what's been marked

as Hupp Exhibit 1. Is that the settlement

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- Before that it was Anthony Adams, and before that
- County, Oakland County, Wayne County?
- 3 A. Yes. I'm not sure if it has all of the exhibits Mercado was gone by the time we were working on
- attached to it, but the main body of this is
- the -- this is the agreement, yes.
- **6** Q. Were you involved in drafting this agreement?

agreement between City of Detroit, DWSD, Macomb

- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Were you the principal drafter of the agreement,
- or do you know who was the principal drafter was?
- 10 A. My recollection is this was very much of a joint
- 11 effort by all of the attorneys for the various
- 12 parties were very actively involved in drafting
- 13 this.
- 14 Q. Who else was involved? First let's say the
- 15 attorneys.
- 16 A. For the City of Detroit, it would have been Mark
- 17 Jacobs, Bob Walters. For Oakland County, it would
- have been Joe Colaianne, C-o-l-a-i-a-n-n-e, who 18
- was in-house counsel for the Office of Water 19
- 20 Resources Commissioner, Oakland County. And
- 21 Jaye -- excuse me -- Jaye, J-a-y-e, Quadrozzi,
- 22 Q-u-a-d-r-o-z-z-i, outside counsel for Oakland
- 23 County. For Wayne County, it would have been
- 24 Patrick McCulloch and -- who was outside counsel,
- 25 and Lavonda Jackson who was assistant Wayne County

- it was Victor Mercado or somebody -- I mean,
- 4 this.
- 5 Q. Do you know when Mercado left? Was it 2008?
- 2009? 6
- 7 A. He left in the June of 2008.
- 8 O. June of 2008. I note that this settlement
- agreement has a court caption on it. Were the
- 10 negotiations supervised by the court and
- 11 encouraged by the court? Why was the court
- **12** involved in this?
- 13 A. Anything of this -- because it resolved disputes,
- 14 quite a number of them -- there's a list of them
- 15 in one of the attachments of all of the disputes.
- 16 This became known as the global settlement. And
- 17 there's a list in here somewhere. Exhibit C is a
- list of all of the matters pending before Judge 18
- Feikens that this global settlement resolved. So 19
- 20 there are a variety of motions and orders and
- 21 opinions, et cetera that were resolved. And,
- 22 again, as I mentioned before, his court had become
- 23 the forum for all disputes over rates and charges,
- 24 DWSD management and the like.
- 25 At some point -- in further answer to

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- corp counsel, and then on my side -- on the Macomb 1
- County side of the table were myself. I don't
- 3 recall specifically who else within Bodman would
- have looked at this. And then Mr. Misterovich
- wearing his lawyer's hat for Macomb County. 5 6 O. As far as the client representatives for Macomb
- 7 County and DWSD, can you identify those
- 8 individuals.
- 9 A. From Macomb County, ultimately I reported to
- Commissioner Marrocco. On a kind of a day 10
- 11 reporting basis, it was to Mr. Misterovich, his
- 12 chief deputy, and Mr. James Pistilli, who was the
- 13 -- I don't remember his title exactly, but he
- 14 effectively chief engineer for wastewater
- services. I don't think that particular title had 15
- 16 been created at that point.
- 17 Q. What about for DWSD?
- 18 A. It would have inside DWSD Bob Walters and
- occasionally other representatives of DWSD 19
- 20 management, but in this time period, there was a
- shifting through maybe three or four 21
- individuals -- or in this time period, Mr. Mercado 22
- 23 had left, and Ms. Pamela Turner was interim
- 24 director, so as of the fall -- as of the kind of
- 25 spring of 2009, it would have been Pamela Turner.

- your question, at some point Judge Feikens
- appointed Mr. Timothy O'Brien to serve as kind of
- 3 a facilitator, and Mr. O'Brien orchestrated the
- discussions that generated a settlement in
- December of 2008 that did not get formally entered 5
- as a settlement agreement with the court until May
- 7 of 2009, but the agreement was reached in December
- of 2008. 8
- 9 Q. I take it that this agreement was intended to
- resolve all pending disputes between, among
- 11 others, DWSD and Macomb?
- 12 A. No. That's not correct.
- 13 Q. Were there disputes between the two that it
- 14 didn't resolve that you're aware of?
- 15 A. Yes.
- **16** Q. What were those?
- 17 A. There were a variety of rate-related disputes. In
- 18 fact, that's why there is a specific
- 19 enumeration -- why the parties put together a
- 20 specific enumeration of what was getting resolved
- was there were other things pending. I know I'd 21
- 22 have a hard time listing them right now, but
- 23 Macomb County had a variety of more mundane rate
- disputes then pending, and I'd be virtually
- certain Oakland County had some stuff -- excuse

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- 1 me, some concerns as well that were not addressed
- 2 by this.
- **3** Q. Well, let's look at exhibit -- you say Exhibit C
- 4 was the list of matters resolved.
- 5 A. Generally, yes.
- 6 Q. And I'm looking down Exhibit C, and I see the
- 7 name Infrastructure Management Group. Are you
- 8 familiar with that entity? What is that?
- 9 A. It is my understanding that the Infrastructure
- 10 Management Group was a consulting firm of some
- 11 sort retained by DWSD, I believe, at the urging of
- 12 the court to oversee the DWSD contracting process.
- 13 O. As I understand it, it oversaw contracts over
- **14** \$500,000. Do you recall that?
- 15 A. I don't have that level of information personally
- 16 about what their task was.
- **17** Q. Did you ever have any dealings with them?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. I'm looking at the next page, No. 5, interceptor
- 20 collapse.
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And it resolves apparently a motion for
- 23 reconsideration. What was that about?
- 24 A. In February of -- Macomb County had filed a
- 25 proceeding in the 1977 case challenging its

- 1 project, and the debt service cost -- annual debt
- 2 service cost to the project is then put in the
- 3 rates to the class of customers served by the
- 4 project. So in the case of an interceptor or any
- 5 other facility that would serve only Macomb
- 6 County, if DWSD borrowed money to construct a
- 7 facility, the debt service associated with that
- 8 project as tracked by DWSD's accounting system
- 9 would be put in DWSD -- excuse me -- would be put
- 10 in Macomb County's rates and nobody else's.
- 11 And there was one and then it turned
- 12 out two projects where, from Macomb County's point
- 13 of view, the manner in which DWSD was calculating
- 14 and attributing the debt service to Macomb County
- 15 was incorrect and inconsistent with long-standing
- 16 understandings and agreements as to how the
- 17 capital cost would be recovered.
- 18 Basically to make it simple, Detroit
- 19 borrowed the money at 5%, and then charged -- they
- 20 were charging Macomb County about 7 to 7-1/2%.
- 21 Q. Had there been a formal agreement between Detroit
- 22 and Macomb County pinning down the interest rate
- 23 at 5% or whatever percent it was?
- 24 A. I believe the answer to that is yes. I believe it
- 25 was set forth in the rate setting protocols that

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- 1 liability for the costs incurred by DWSD in
- 2 repairing a sewer collapse that occurred in August
- 3 of 2004. In February of 2007, sua sponte, without
- 4 notice to the parties, Judge Feikens issued an
- 5 order dismissing Macomb County's claims with
- 6 prejudice. Macomb County moved for
- 7 reconsideration of that order, apparently,
- 8 according to this, on April 6, 2007.
- **9** Q. And so this global settlement resolved that
- 10 dispute in full?
- 11 A. I think a fair answer was we thought so at the
- 12 time. It's been clear since it didn't.
- **13** Q. How so?
- 14 A. Well, there's this matter that I'm being deposed
- 15 in today and I know Macomb County has had two
- 16 lawsuits pending over those costs that remain in
- 17 court.
- **18** Q. And then it says "Interceptor interest rate."
- 19 What was the dispute about in regard to
- 20 interceptor interest rate?
- 21 A. Under Detroit's rate setting procedures, as far as
- 22 I know, at least since mid-1970s, the cost of
- 23 capital projects are recovered in the rates by --
- 24 depending on the project, determining what
- 25 customer classes are served by the capital

- 1 Detroit and its wholesale customers had developed
- 2 and agreed to over the years.
- 3 Q. Let me ask this because I'm not sure my
- 4 understanding is correct. As I understood, there
- 5 had been a formal agreement that had pretty much
- 6 expired. Detroit and Macomb had not reached a
- 7 new agreement. Detroit was charging the 7% or so
- 8 that Macomb felt was too high. Is that how it
- 9 happened?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. How did it happen that Detroit charged the 7% or
- **12** 7-1/2%, whatever it was?
- 13 A. I could never figure out what prompted Detroit to
- 14 do that. It was clearly inconsistent with all
- 15 practices.
- **16** Q. Nevertheless, the matter was settled?
- 17 A. The matter was settled.
- **18** Q. Okay. Let's look at a few of the provisions of
- **19** the acquisition agreement.
- **MS. BADALAMENTI:** Of Exhibit 1 or the
- 21 acquisition agreement?
- 22 MR. WATSON: I'm sorry, the settlement
- 23 agreement. Thank you.
- **24 THE WITNESS:** If we could go off the
- **25** record briefly.

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questions, but --

BY MR. WATSON:

MS. BADALAMENTI: That was a lot of

Page 21 Page 23 1 (Off the record at 8:35 a.m.) eye 1 Q. Do you understand the question at all? (Back on the record at 8:35 a.m.) 2 MS. BADALAMENTI: Let me do it this BY MR. WATSON: 3 3 way: I'm going to place a continuing objection to 4 Q. Looking at -- on the second page, 1 A 4, it says? any question that suggests that Exhibit 1 was 5 A. I don't believe I have the document you're looking attached as Exhibit D for the settlement agreement at. Is this the settlement agreement? that we've marked here as Exhibit 1. But subject 7 Q. Yeah, the settlement agreement? 7 to that objection, you can go ahead and answer. 8 A. What page? 8 BY MR. WATSON: 9 Q. Second page, 1-A(iv). 9 Q. So I guess the first task I have assigned to you 10 A. Okav. is if you could confirm that Exhibit D of the 11 Q. It reads "All disputes and claims between the 11 settlement agreement is the same as the 12 parties related to costs for repairs and **12** Exhibit 2, Letter of Intent. 13 A. Obviously without reviewing them word for word, I 13 renovation of the interceptor sewers listed in Exhibit 1 of Exhibit D of this agreement." And I 14 can't say whether they're identical or not. They 15 was wondering if the interceptor -- 15 Mile Road 15 appear to be the same. They have the same 16 interceptor collapsed -- interceptor that 16 document number on the first lower right corner of 17 collapsed was one of those. 17 the first page. So, again, they appear to be the MS. BADALAMENTI: I'm going to object. same, but I have not done a literal word-for-word 18 18 There isn't an Exhibit 1 to Exhibit D, and there 19 19 comparison. 20 hasn't been a version of this document that we've 20 Q. If you could look at Exhibit 2, which at the top 21 seen. But you can go ahead. 21 says "Letter of Intent," correct? 22 **MR. WATSON:** I might not have brought 22 A. Yes. 23 it. And you don't remember offhand if -- let's 23 O. And if you would look at Exhibit 1 to Exhibit 2, see here. Let's have that marked Exhibit 2. 24 **24** Exhibit 1 reads "Oakland-Macomb Interceptor 25 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION: 25 System Property to Be Transferred." What I'm Page 22 Page 24 1 **DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 2** 1 trying to figure out is the sewer that collapsed, is that amongst the properties listed in this 2 8:37 a.m. 3 BY MR. WATSON: 3 Exhibit 1? 4 Q. You've been handed, Mr. Hupp, what's been marked 4 A. Yes, it is. 5 Exhibit 2. And my understanding is that that's 5 Q. Okay. If you would go back to the settlement 6 the same Letter of Intent that's attached to this agreement, Hupp Deposition Exhibit 1, I'm looking 7 settlement agreement, but that happens to have at what's marked at the bottom as 3 of the the Exhibit 1 to Exhibit D. If you could take a settlement agreement. It's actually page 4 as 8 9 look at Exhibit 1 to Exhibit D. 9 I'm counting, but it says 3 at the bottom. MS. BADALAMENTI: You want him to look 10 A. Yes. 10 11 at Exhibit 1 of your marked Exhibit 2? 11 O. And section B reads in part "The parties, in MR. WATSON: Right. 12 12 complete satisfaction of the 2004 collapse MS. BADALAMENTI: Because there is no 13 13 claims," and then it goes on, and it talks about 14 Exhibit 1 to Exhibit D on Exhibit 1, right? 14 an amount of \$17,050,000. What was the 15 MR. WATSON: Well, Exhibit D, I think, 15 \$17,050,000 for? Do you know? is Exhibit 2 -- Deposition Exhibit 2. 16 16 A. It's as stated in that sentence, Macomb had BY MR. WATSON: 17 17 asserted a challenge to the liability for the 2004 18 Q. If you could confirm that those two documents are 18 collapse. I forget what the dispute over the 2006 the same. And then look -- as far as Exhibit 2, 19 repairs were. And they had challenged the manner 19 20 look at Exhibit 1 to Exhibit 2, and my question 20 in which Detroit was calculating interest rate on is whether or not the sewer that collapsed is the 2004 collapse cost as well as on another 21 21 listed amongst those. 22 interceptor project, so they had asserted a 22

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variety of claims stating they were being either

shouldn't be liable for, and ultimately all those

overcharged or charged for things that they

Page 25 Page 27 claims were -- resulted in a judgment in Macomb answer to the extent it does not do so. 2 THE WITNESS: Thank you. What I think 2 County's favor of \$17,050,000. 3 Q. And I guess the logical question becomes: An 3 is important to recognize is that this document adjustment to what? 4 entered in court in May of -- May 18, 2009, these 5 A. As collectively the documents indicate, as part of 5 documents were done in the form you see them settling these and other claims that Oakland and 6 essentially in December of 2008. The delay 7 Macomb County had, with some ancillary adjustments 7 between reaching the settlement as reflected in to Wayne County as well, these claims and Oakland 8 these documents and entry with the court was 8 9 County's claims would get settled, and in 9 because in that time period, there was a question 10 consideration for that, Oakland County and Macomb 10 as to whether the other parties in the 1977 case 11 County would take over the interceptor system 11 required notice or not, because this was a 12 north of 8 Mile Road, and they would reimburse 12 settlement agreement in the 1977 case, and in the 13 Detroit for the outstanding debt being charged in 13 1977 case, all of DWSD's wholesale customers, of the rates for those assets being transferred to whom there are 17 are parties. So between 14 14 15 the two counties or an entity to be created by 15 December and May, there was initial conference 16 those counties. 16 with the court about what's the procedure for 17 Q. Okay. So as I understand, the basic agreement 17 entering this settlement agreement, and the parties were working on, if we just focus on 18 18 ultimately, if memory serves me, there was -- I 19 Macomb County, is that Macomb County would 19 don't know whether there was a notice and show 20 20 purchase the Macomb Interceptor system by paying cause or just a general notice of the parties that 21 Detroit the amount of debt on the system? 21 they could file objections. So even though this 22 A. The transaction to begin with, as reflected in the 22 is a May settlement agreement, these documents 23 settlement agreement, was really more of a unitary 23 represent the parties' thinking in December. 24 24 transaction in the sense that I don't believe What I can tell you, by May, by the until December of 2008, when this agreement really 25 25 time this went to court, the decision had been Page 26 Page 28 was done, that Oakland and Macomb County had made to have two entities, and steps were underway 1 to create the OMI. decided how the assets being transferred would be 2 3 owned. I think that at that time the possibility 3 BY MR. WATSON: had not been eliminated that the counties would 4 Q. Okay. Are you aware when the initial 4 5 put together just one entity to own all of the negotiations started for the purchase by Macomb 6 assets, which could have been done. There were 6 or maybe a joint entity of the Macomb Interceptor 7 7 plenty of state statutes that could have been done system? When did that -- when did that -- those 8 8 that way. And it was at some time after the negotiations first start? And this sort of 9 settlement in December of 2008 that Wayne and 9 documents that the parties intended something 10 Oakland County decided they will own a joint 10 like that to be done. Do you recall when those entity called the Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain negotiations first started taking place?

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- 12 Drainage District, and these assets would be
- 13 transferred to a Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage
- 14 District.
- **15** O. What about the time of the settlement agreement?
- 16 Was it still under consideration to go to this
- 17 one -- I think you said unitary system -- or had
- it been decided at this time, by May 2009, that 18
- there would be is sort of two systems -- I call 19
- 20 it the OMI system -- and the Macomb system?
- 21 MS. BADALAMENTI: I'm going to object
- 22 to the extent that the question calls for him to
- 23 divulge privileged information. It's my
- 24 understanding neither county has waived their
- 25 privilege. Certainly Macomb has not. You can

- 12 A. There was an attempt at settlement in the
- 13 2006-2007 time frame to which Macomb was the only
- 14 customer -- wholesale customer party.
- **15** O. Was there --
- 16 A. That settlement came to naught when Judge Feikens
- 17 dismissed Macomb County's claims; thereafter no
- 18 settlement was possible, because the judge had
- 19 said Macomb County is out of court. It was about
- 20 probably sometime -- so that's the spring of 2007.
- I think sometime in the spring of 2008 Judge 21
- Feikens appoints Tim O'Brien as a facilitator to 23 attempt to get matters resolved. Macomb County's
- 24 motion for rehearing was still pending a year
- 25 later. And obviously Macomb still had all sorts

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Page 29 Page 31 of rights of appeal. decision. Furthermore, by that time there were 1 2 Shortly after Mr. O'Brien -- it's my 2 other disputes going hot and heavy like the 3 recollection shortly after Mr. O'Brien's 3 interest rate dispute, which any prior 4 introduction into the discussions, he raised the 4 understanding of the -- what to do about the 2004 possibility that settlement might go better if 5 collapse didn't include. So when things get 5 6 Macomb -- if Oakland County were involved, and 6 restarted, the effort was let's get everything 7 there was an attempt to accomplish a global 7 settled. And meanwhile, something we haven't settlement of all of the things that are listed on 8 touched on, the 800 megahertz radio dispute that's 8 9 Exhibit C to the settlement agreement. In fact, 9 mentioned on Exhibit 2 to the settlement 10 history proved that Mr. O'Brien had found a 10 agreement, that, again, was a dispute by the 11 correct formulation, because once the discussion 11 wholesale customers that involved 30 to 12 was broadened to cover all of these disputes, the 12 \$50 million, and was obviously a huge issue as 13 parties were able to work forward to a resolution. 13 And once Oakland County became part of the mix, 14 14 So there was essentially a fresh start then the question was, well, if Macomb is going to 15 after February of 2007. 15 16 take this set of interceptors, but Oakland and 16 Q. Okay. O'Brien gets in, there are new 17 Macomb share these other interceptors here, why 17 negotiations, and eventually resulted in this don't you, the two counties, take all of them. settlement agreement which you say was reached 18 18 19 And the counties agreed to do that, and sometime 19 primarily by December of '08, but documented or 20 later figured out who would -- you know, what 20 signed here in May of 2009? 21 entities would then manage them. 21 A. It was entered with the court in May of 2009. 22 But that's basically the genesis of the **22** O. Okay. 23 settlement that came to be. We started with 23 A. But the court was informed in December of 2008 that a settlement had been reached, and I believe 24 Mr. O'Brien, and -- sometime in the spring of the drafts of all of these documents which are --25 2008, and by December had gotten to what the Page 30 Page 32 settlement agreement says. were essentially identical to these documents were 2 Q. Now, I was told by someone that early on there provided -- were certainly done by the parties, had been, like in 2006 or 2007, some type of 3 and I think they were provided to the court as a handshake agreement between Mr. Marrocco and 4 matter of information in December of 2008. Mr. Mercado that Macomb would purchase the system **5** Q. And turn to page 6 of the agreement. 6-B 5 6 by assuming the debt on the system. Were you contains an integration clause. Were you 7 aware of anything like that? 7 involved in drafting that clause and assisting it 8 A. Yes. be placed in this agreement? 9 MS. BADALAMENTI: I'm going to object 9 A. I have no recollection who specifically wrote this clause or where it came from. It was certainly 10 to that question to the extent that it calls for 10 11 11 him to divulge privileged information of the reviewed by all of the attorneys that looked at 12 county. 12 this, and --BY MR. WATSON: 13 13 Q. Okay. And going to the next page, I see it's --14 Q. Were you around for any type handshake agreement there is a signature of Pam Turner. Do you see like that? Did you witness that? 15 that? 16 A. I was aware of it. I didn't witness it. 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Any idea of when that might have occurred? **17** Q. Was she involved in the negotiations at all? 18 A. Late summer/early fall of 2006. 18 A. I don't recall. It would have been -- I'm just 19 Q. But apparently that was pretty much scuttled by trying to remember dates. Victor Mercado left in 19 20 the Feikens decision. And then things got 20 June. Anthony Adams was appointed as either director or interim director. He served until 21 resurrected, you were saying, spring 2008 or so, 21 and then that led to what eventually became the 22 sometime in the fall. And then between that point 22 23 deal? 23 and December, I think -- I think by December --

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I'm not sure. Ms. Turner might have been interim

director by December. I think she probably was.

24 A. Yes. Well, whatever had been understood to exist,

you know, went out the window with Judge Feikens'

July 14, 2014 Page 33 Page 35 I don't remember meetings with her where purpose is plain from reading it. It was an substantive matters were negotiated or discussed. 2 attempt to state the terms of the deal in more 3 Q. In negotiating the agreement, is it accurate to detail than what the consent judgment -say that the primary negotiators were the 4 settlement agreement itself said. So I think the attorneys for the parties? idea was the settlement agreement will cover all 5 6 A. That was my impression of -- only partially 6 of the matters that are being settled, and it will 7 correct. I would say on the DWSD side Mark Jacobs 7 have attachments to it to lay out some of the and Bob Walters were very active. For this 8 details, like what are the facilities and so on. 8 9 agreement, Bart Foster was not -- was involved **9** Q. In this case we filed -- both sides filed witness lists, and both sides listed on their witness 10 when it came to negotiating dollars. On the 10 list, I believe, 30(b)(6) witnesses, and we 11 county side there was really kind of -- my 11 12 impression, was a team of people where the lawyers 12 listed two for 30(b)(6), the Macomb County 13 were working very closely with either their 13 witness or attorney most knowledgeable about the 14 principal client, the commissioner, or their 14 allegations of the Complaint filed by Macomb in senior engineering people. Certainly the 15 Macomb Circuit Court, but what might be 15 16 legalese, you know, ultimately was a matter for 16 applicable here, the Macomb County corporate 17 the lawyers involved, but the overall agreements 17 representative who could talk about the were the product of very active involvement by, on acquisition agreement. Do you know -- have you 18 18 19 the county side, all of the counties. 19 been designated as Macomb's 30(b)(6) witness who 20 Q. So Misterovich and Marrocco were actively 20 can talk about the acquisition agreement? 21 involved for Macomb County? 21 A. I don't know. 22 22 A. My regular contact was Mr. Misterovich. I MR. WATSON: Raechel, is Craig the guy 23 certainly met with Commissioner Marrocco when 23 24 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** I think the response 24 there were big decisions to be made. And then 25 to those 30(b)(6) notices were objections by 25 there were, I'd say, their engineering staff at Page 34 Page 36 Macomb and the other counties that had detailed myself and Mr. Brilliant. They're overbroad and knowledge of the systems themselves that was outside and exceed the scope of what the court has 3 important in this whole process. 3 permitted as limited discovery for purposes of 4 Q. Was there any discussion during the negotiations 4 this proceeding and evaluation of Macomb's claim that you can recall in regard to the 5 at this time. Subject to those objections, our 5 6 reasonableness of the cost of the repairs paid by 6 indication was that Mr. Misterovich and Mr. Hupp 7 7 DWSD to cover the sewer collapse? Was that part would be able to answer the questions that you might have, but you will recall that they were 8 of any negotiations you were in? 9 A. I believe that -- I'm not sure -- that the 9 offered as witnesses prior to that 30(b)(6) Complaint we filed with Feikens certainly 10 notice. 10 11 challenged Macomb's liability for the costs of the 11 BY MR. WATSON: 12 Q. Regardless of that, I'm going to ask you a few 12 collapse. I don't recall whether there were 13 specific allegations that, even if they were 13 questions about the acquisition agreement. 14 liable, the project cost too much. That certainly 14 A. Sure. 15 was a concern that at various times was expressed 15 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION:

16 to DWSD as the discussions proceed.

**17** Q. Who expressed that?

18 A. I couldn't tell you today.

**19** Q. Why was the Letter of Intent attached?

20 Let me strike that and ask you: What

21 was the purpose of this Letter of Intent, if you

22 know?

23 A. It was to -- I believe it was not prepared at

Macomb's request, to my recollection. Someone

25 thought there should be one. And I think its

**DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 3** 16

17 9:04 a.m.

18 BY MR. WATSON:

19 O. All right. I have it in front of me --

20 MS. BADALAMENTI: Can I ask, because

are you suggesting -- a lot of these documents 21

22 have gone back and forth in the course of

23 questioning. Are you going to ask him if this is

24 the entire document including all the schedules or

25 are you suggesting it is?

Page 37 Page 39 1 MR. WATSON: No, I'm not suggesting it deputy director at this time period, but certainly is. My understanding is when that document was in the first go around on this document for the 2 3 executed, there were -- I don't know -- hundreds OMI transaction, I have no recollection of 4 of pages of documents that accompanied it. I Mr. Latimer being involved. think that copy he's got might have a few of the 5 Q. Did you recommend that Misterovich go ahead or 5 6 exhibits attached to it, but certainly not all the Macomb County enter into this agreement? 7 documents that were reviewed on the same date it 7 A. I recommended that this agreement appeared to was signed or at the closing when it was signed. comport with what Macomb County was seeking to 8 9 MS. BADALAMENTI: Okay. accomplish in the deal, and that it reflected the 10 BY MR. WATSON: 10 terms and concerns of the client, so I recommended 11 Q. Are you familiar with the document, Mr. Hupp? 11 the document. The client itself obviously had 12 A. Yes. 12 made the decision about whether to do the deal or 13 Q. And it says "Macomb Acquisition Agreement" near 13 not. 14 the top, does it not? 14 Q. As I understand, the broad parameters of the 15 A. Yes. 15 agreement was that basically Macomb would assume **16** Q. Did you play any role in drafting that document? 16 the debt on the system as a purchase price and 17 A. I assisted in drafting this document. 17 there would be certain amounts deducted from that 18 O. Who else drafted it? system debt. 18 19 A. This was a combined effort of a number of 19 A. The correct characterization is that Macomb County 20 attorneys, Mark Jacobs -- Bob Walters actually did 20 would pay to DWSD the amount of outstanding debt 21 the first draft, I think. Mark Jacobs and I wound 21 on the capital projects that were being 22 up being the -- this document went from the Dykema 22 transferred. It was not assuming any debt. 23 word-processing system to the Bodman 23 O. Okay. Thank you. And as I understand the debt 24 word-processing system, back to Bodman. But in 24 on the system, at one time it was something like 25 addition, certainly lawyer representatives of the \$116 million? Do you recall what the debt was on Page 38 Page 40 clients were involved and commented, added and 1 that system? subtracted to it as the document went along. 2 A. That's obviously a question of at what point in 3 (Mr. Ruegger present at 9:07 3 time. 4 Q. Okay. 4 a.m.) 5 BY MR. WATSON: 5 A. At what point in time are you asking about the 116 6 Q. I'm looking at 25 of 25. 7 A. Yes. 7 Q. Do you recall when it was 116 million, the point 8 of time it was at that amount? **8** Q. And I see the signatures on the document appear to be William Misterovich and Darryl Latimer. 9 A. I don't remember 116 million one way or the other, 10 Are you familiar with those two gentlemen? 10 but keep in mind, capital projects got done and 11 A. I know Mr. Misterovich. debt went up. Capital projects got paid off and 12 Q. What about Latimer? 12 the debt went down. So that number moved all over 13 A. I now Mr. Misterovich. I know Mr. Latimer. 13 the place. **14** O. How involved was Mr. Latimer in negotiating this? **14** Q. Okay. 15 A. I have no recollection of Mr. Latimer's 15 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION: **DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 4** 16 involvement, keeping in mind that this document --16 17 17 97 percent of this document was negotiated as part 9:11 a.m. 18 of the first OMI transaction, and it was the 18 THE WITNESS: All right. I have the understanding of the parties at the time that was 19 exhibit in front of me. 19 20 done that the document would then be the basic 20 BY MR. WATSON: model for the Macomb transaction as well, but 21 Q. You've been handed what's marked Exhibit 4, 21 mostly a change of name and change of list of 22 Mr. Hupp. Can you tell us what that is. 22 23 assets. So in the time period that the work --23 A. That's Schedule 3.8 to the Macomb Acquisition

Agreement. It's titled Computation of Purchase

Price as of June 30, 2010, and sets out the agreed

most of the work was done on this document, I

don't think Mr. Latimer was -- he might have been

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- accepted, and then that -- at that point in time
- upon debt for the assets being transferred that 2 had debt associated with them, plus a summary of a
- 3 variety of adjustments to that debt to reach an
- 4 adjusted final price as of June 30, 2010.
- 5 Q. Okay. In regard to adjustments, I see about
- three-fourths of the way down, maybe a little
- 7 more, the global settlement says \$17,050,000.
- That was the biggest adjustment, was it not? 8
- 9 A. The reason I can't answer that question the way
- 10 you ask it is there were a variety of adjustments
- 11 of these various projects in order to get to this
- 12 table. I'll make up a number. DWSD might have
- 13 said we think the debt on PCI 45 is \$30 million,
- 14 and after they were pressed for better records or
- 15 whatever, they might have said it turns out the
- 16 number is really \$20 million. So there's a bunch
- 17 of adjustments in the debt that don't appear here.
- As reflected in adjustments specifically showing 18
- 19 on this page, the global settlement is the
- 20 largest -- is probably the largest adjustment.
- 21 Q. I'm looking at two lines under that \$17,050,000,
- 22 the \$870,252.
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And it says "Balance of OMI/Macomb Miscellaneous
- Rate Settlement." Do you see that?

- 2 the outstanding debt on the OMI assets was roughly
- 3 \$2.2 million. The OMI system didn't have any
- 4 cash. So if we took 2.2 of the 3 million and
- 5 applied it to the OMI deal, the OMI deal could
- 6 close without paying any cash. So 2.2 of 3.0 was
- 7 attributed to the OMI deal, and the balance was
- 8 set aside and it was applied here.
- **9** Q. The 870,252?
- 10 A. Right. That's what's left of a \$3 million
- 11 settlement. The other thing I will note, so it's
- 12 clear -- and I don't know whether it applies to
- 13 this Schedule 3.8 or the 3.8 on the OMI deal, but
- 14 there was a revised schedule issued six months
- 15 after one of the two closings that had a
- 16 subsequent adjustment that affected this credit,
- 17 and I don't -- and so for that reason I can't
- testify today that this Schedule 3.8 is the actual 18
- 19 "final" final schedule or not. The final
- 20 adjustment moved about -- I don't know -- 100, 200
- 21 grand, so it wasn't a material amount. So for the
- 22 record I want that clear.
- 23 O. Is it fair to say that the parties did extensive
- 24 negotiation back and forth before arriving at the
- adjusted final price of 89,996,704?

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- 1 A. I do.
- 2 Q. Do you recall what that was about?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. What was it?
- 5 A. That is a catchall. There were -- again, moving
- back to recognizing that the OMI deal and the
- 7 Macomb deal were part and parcel of what started
- 8 out as a global joint settlement, and in working
- 9 through an equivalent schedule in the OMI deal,
- which closed roughly 10 months before this, there 10
- 11 were a variety of rate disputes, and there was a
- 12 dispute over some meter charges that Detroit said 13 should be part of the rates, and -- part of the
- 14 price, and Oakland-Macomb said no, they shouldn't.
- And at the end of the day, that dispute went up to 15
- 16 the week of the closing, if not the day before the
- 17 closing on the OMI deal. It was under a very
- tight time schedule. And at the end, to resolve 18
- all of those things, DWSD made a proposal that 19
- 20 here's all of these objections, they pertain to a
- block of meters, some of which are going to 21
- Macomb, some of which are going to go to OMI. 22
- 23 There's a number of these other rate disputes, so
- 24 I'll tell you what, why don't we just give you
- 25 another \$3 million credit on the price. That was

- 1 A. Partly negotiation, partly just verification of
- Detroit's debt figures.
- **3** Q. As I understand, prior to signing the acquisition
- agreement, Macomb was entitled to secure
- 5 documents, whatever documents it wanted from
- 6 Detroit in regard to the system, ask whatever
- 7 questions it wanted, inspect portions of the
- system if it desired to do so. Is that accurate?
- 9 Could Macomb have done all those things if it
- 10 wanted to?
- 11 A. Only partially.
- **12** Q. What part's not accurate?
- 13 A. The part is that Detroit -- DWSD's financial
- 14 system for much of this stuff was and to a certain
- 15 extent even today is in significant disorder.
- 16 From what I know about DWSD's financial system
- 17 from dealing with it as Macomb's attorney for a
- 18 long time, I don't think Macomb County would have
- 19 been able to independently audit at least these
- 20 debt prices. Bart Foster, their expert who's done
- their rate work for 30 years -- Bart couldn't do 21
- it. It took a year to just get these numbers on 22
- 23 3. It took more than a year. I doubt Macomb
- 24 County would ever have been able to get into those 25 numbers and figure them out.

Page 45 Page 47 1 Q. Did Macomb ask to look at any DWSD documents? Do customers were liable. The conclusion was that 2 you know? 2 there was no way to figure out exactly how much of 3 A. We did not. Well, I mean, in what context? 3 that contract was spent on MC-S-1 as opposed to 4 O. Well, in --4 other work that could be charged. Ultimately 5 A. There had been discovery in the lawsuits obviously 5 after discussion with people on both sides, a seeking cost documents focused on -- focused on 6 guesstimate was prepared that, well, I don't know, 7 7 the collapse. We had certainly acquired documents that repair probably cost something in the order over time related to the interceptor collapse. As 8 of \$400,000, but -- and I only offer that to you 8 part of verifying the debt numbers, we certainly 9 as a very specific example shown on this schedule. 10 had asked for a certain amount of backup 10 We had that kind of discussion with a variety of 11 documentation. So we certainly had asked for 11 these projects. This table represents -- I don't 12 some. In some cases we got what we asked for and 12 know -- a hundred hours -- couple hundred hours of 13 some cases the answer was we haven't got it or we 13 trying to get to the bottom of -- even if DWSD can't give it to you or whatever; we never got a could figure out whether they built certain 14 14 15 projects or not, because they call projects by 15 response. 16 Q. Did you ever ask for anything that DWSD had that 16 different names. So, no, I never was -- nobody at 17 they didn't turn over to you or give you a copy 17 Oakland and Macomb were ever fully satisfied that these numbers were exactly right in their complete 18 18 19 A. I couldn't answer that question today given the 19 totality. It was very frustrating. 20 long tortured history of these negotiations and so 20 Q. There were a lot of compromise on a lot of 21 on and so forth. I have a suspicion if I went different issues, it sounds like. 22 back and looked at discovery requests, I'd say, 22 A. There certainly was to get to a number. 23 you know, I don't think they really gave us 23 O. Did you get the feeling that DWSD, the folks you 24 everything we asked for, which is typical of were dealing with there, were trying to take 25 everybody when they look at discovery requests. unfair advantage or cheat Oakland or Macomb Page 46 Page 48 1 Q. Did Macomb inspect the system at all before it County, or was it the situation where their

purchased it?

3 A. I don't know.

4 Q. Was it entitled to if it wanted to?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did you have any questions of DWSD or anyone at

Macomb have questions of DWSD that were asked but

8 were not answered before the purchase?

9 A. I would say in trying to get to the bottom of the

10 debt, which was the piece that I mostly dealt

11 with, the answer is I did not get satisfactory

12 answers to many things, and ultimately had to

reach the conclusion that DWSD did not have the 13

14 kind of records that would permit conclusive

determination of debt for various projects, and, 15

16 in fact, that's represented -- you can see it, for

17 example, on Schedule 3.8, halfway down the page

under section C, there's a line that says "Meter 18

**Credit'' -- ''Meter Credit MC-S-1 (estimated)** 19

20 400,000" bucks. That's the case where we knew

there was work done on meter MC-S-1. Under the 21

rate agreement, Macomb County, and under our 22

23 contract, Macomb County was not liable for the

24 cost of that work. DWSD had contracted for that

25 work as part of a much larger contract for which records were just not really very good and a

3 precise answer could not be secured, or do you

4 know?

sign this agreement if it couldn't secure the

Page 49 Page 51 condition, with no additional warranties, express information it felt was necessary for it to or implied, with respect to the physical assure itself that the deal it was entering into condition of the Macomb system." Then it goes 3 was a good one for Macomb? 4 on. Do you see that language? 4 MS. BADALAMENTI: I'm going to object. I think that's a mischaracterization in terms of 6 Q. Was it your understanding that the system was the document, but you can go ahead. being sold as is? BY MR. WATSON: 8 A. Yes. 8 Q. Well, you don't even have to answer. Let's go to 9 Q. Do you recall any discussion during these page 12 of 25. I'll withdraw that question. acquisition agreement negotiations about the 10 A. I'm looking at 12 of 25. reasonableness of the cost of repairs? Was that 11 11 Q. 4.5 Due Diligence. First sentence talks about 12 a matter --12 Macomb acknowledging that it's being afforded the 13 A. This is a discussion with Detroit? 13 opportunity to conduct due diligence. Did Macomb 14 Q. With Detroit. First I'll ask, did you have any **14** have that opportunity? 15 such discussion with Detroit? 15 A. Within a variety of the limitations I've already 16 A. I don't have a recollection one way or the other. described to you, and certainly on the financial 16 17 Q. Do you recall anyone else having a discussion 17 front, that was, as a practical matter a limited with Detroit? ability. I would note for the record in this time 18 18 MS. BADALAMENTI: I'm going to object period DWSD didn't even have a complete audit, so 19 19 20 to the extent it calls for you to divulge 20 auditors couldn't complete their due diligence and 21 privileged information. Other than that, you can 21 do the audit for DWSD in this time period. 22 answer. 22 Q. Then I'm going to page 18 of 25, section (b), 23 **THE WITNESS:** I recall a meeting -- I which is a little puzzling. It starts off "This 24 forget whether it was before or after we filed --24 agreement may be terminated by Macomb County in 25 Macomb County filed their challenge between -- at writing on or before January 1, 2010 if it shall Page 50 Page 52 the Macomb County Office of Public Works offices, 1 not have been satisfied in its sole discretion so 2005, I'm guessing is the year. And I don't with the results of Macomb County's continuing know whether it was a meeting after we filed a due diligence investigations of the Macomb 4 system." Do you see that language? motion or a motion intending to head off the 5 motion challenging the cost, at which Commissioner 5 A. I do. 6 Marrocco and various staff were present, and at 6 Q. And did Macomb have the opportunity to back out if it was not satisfied? 7 which Mercado and staff and probably lawyers were present, of which Macomb County aired its concern 8 A. That's what the language appears to say. 8 9 about the project and its cost and reasonableness **9** Q. Were you ever called to testify before the grand or unreasonableness of asking Macomb County to pay 10 **10** jury? 11 for the system. 11 A. What grand jury? BY MR. WATSON: 12 **12** Q. The grand jury investigating the Ferguson, 13 Q. Was that before or after Macomb sued about that? 13 Kilpatrick, Miller, Mercado potential wrongdoing 14 A. I don't remember now. That's the thing. I can't **14** at the City of Detroit? put those -- I don't remember before or after. 15 A. I was not. **16** Q. But that suit was resolved by the 2009 settlement 16 Q. Do you know whether any Macomb employees were interviewed by the FBI or U.S. Attorney's Office 17 agreement? 18 A. Yeah, that got resolved. You know, we had a or testified before the grand jury? number of settlement conferences with Judge 19 A. I have no knowledge. 19 20 Feikens. I don't have a specific recollection, 20 Q. At some point did you become aware of the grand but it would not surprise me if Macomb County's 21 jury investigation? 21 concerns were not aired vigorously by Commissioner 22 A. Yes. 22 23 Marrocco. 23 Q. And do you know when that was? 24 Q. Was Macomb County entitled to back out or not

**25** Q. Was it before the indictment that hit the papers

Page 53 Page 55 1 in December 2010? MR. WATSON: Because we mentioned it, I 2 A. Yes. 2 should mark that and have him identify it. I 3 Q. And do you know what was the -- your awareness -don't plan to question him about it. what do you know about that? 4 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION: MS. BADALAMENTI: About what? 5 **DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 5** 6 BY MR. WATSON: 6 9:34 a.m. 7 Q. The grand jury investigation. What's your BY MR. WATSON: understanding of the subject matter of the 8 Q. Let me hand you what's been marked Hupp investigation? 9 Exhibit 5. Is that the Macomb Interceptor 10 A. My understanding was, I guess, whatever I might Acquisition Settlement and Release of Certain have gotten from the Free Press, that there was a 11 Rate Disputes agreement? 12 corruption probe. 12 A. Yes, it is. 13 Q. Were you aware Ferguson and Kilpatrick were 13 Q. I'm looking at the last page. It appears to be 14 signed by Misterovich and Latimer. Are those the **14** friends? 15 A. I have no idea. At some point that was part of 15 two individuals who signed the acquisition 16 the newspaper coverage. 16 agreement? **17** Q. So your information is just the newspaper? 17 A. Yes. 18 A. Whatever I read in the Free Press. 18 Q. And as far as you recall, was this settlement 19 agreement signed at the same time as the 19 Q. Was there ever any discussion about that 20 corruption and potential corruption in Detroit 20 acquisition agreement? 21 during the negotiations? 21 A. Yes, it was. 22 A. I don't recall one way or the other. 22 Q. Did you read the Complaint filed by Macomb County 23 O. Do you recall that there was a settlement 23 in Macomb Circuit Court against the City of 24 agreement -- settlement and release of certain 24 Detroit? 25 A. I don't believe I have read it. 25 rate disputes executed at the time of the Page 54 Page 56 1 acquisition agreement? 1 Q. Okay. Were you consulted prior to the filing of 2 A. For MID? For Macomb? Yes. 2 this Complaint? 3 Q. What was the purpose of that? 3 A. I was not. MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION: 4 A. I think the purpose was two-fold. One, it was -biggest thing was to memorialize as best possible 5 **DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 6** all of the things that were getting settled, 6 9:36 a.m. BY MR. WATSON: 7 because as the settlement agreement, I believe, or 8 Q. Let me hand you, Mr. Hupp, what's been marked 8 Letter of Intent reflects, there were a variety --Exhibit 6. That appears to be an affidavit 9 and actually the acquisition agreement reflects there were a number of pending rate disputes, and signed by you filed in United States federal 10 the transaction was going to affect rates going 11 district court. 12 A. Yes. 12 forward. And so the purpose of the agreement was 13 to document both what -- to try to concisely state 13 Q. Do you recall this affidavit? 14 what was being settled as well as to try to 14 A. Yes. explain how the settlements would affect the rates 15 Q. Were you asked to prepare it? 15 16 that Detroit was going to set thereafter for 17 Macomb County, how they were going to calculate 17 Q. Did you actually draft this or was it drafted for 18 the rates now that these assets weren't in the **18** vou? rates anymore. 19 A. I don't -- I think -- my memory is a little hazy 19 20 Q. As far as you know, did that settlement and 20 on that. I think a draft came to me and I edited release agreement resolve all of the disputes you 21 it, but I'm really not sure enough to really 21 knew about between Detroit and Macomb? Was there 22 answer that conclusively, but I'm pretty sure 22

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that's what the sequence was.

24 Q. Do you recall that in the federal district court

25 case Judge Cleland decided that the tort claims

any disputes outstanding that you were aware of?

24 A. Based on the facts as we knew them then, I don't

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think so.

Page 57 Page 59 arising out of the potential fraudulent 1 **DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 7** activities pertaining to the sewer collapse 2 9:56 a.m. 2 repair belonged to Detroit rather than Detroit? **EXAMINATION** 3 3 4 A. I'm aware of that. 4 BY MS. BADALAMENTI: 5 Q. And in your affidavit, I believe you state that 5 Q. I've marked as Exhibit 7, Mr. Hub, a document had the tort claims -- the gist of it, as I titled Minutes of the Due Diligence Coordination recall, had these tort claims been considered, Meetings. This is a revision, and looks like it the parties would have decided through the 8 is dated 3/19/09, and has written "Draft" in the 8 acquisition agreement to -- that they would background of the document. Do you recognize 10 belong to Macomb? 10 this document? 11 A. I do. 11 MS. BADALAMENTI: I'm not sure I 12 understand the question. Are you asking him what 12 Q. Did you prepare or play a role in preparing this 13 he discussed with his client or are you asking him document? to read from the affidavit? 14 14 A. I did. I probably prepared it. 15 MR. WATSON: No. Let me rephrase the **15** Q. What was it prepared for? 16 question. 16 A. Basically this was to serve the function -- it 17 BY MR. WATSON: 17 states it's minutes. The county had a team of 18 O. Number one, the tort claims such as the claims 18 people looking at the transaction and asking asserted in federal district court, as I 19 19 various questions and the like. It fell to me 20 understand, were never brought up or considered 20 probably because I was the one with the secretary 21 during the negotiation of the settlement 21 as part of the collective group, to do the 22 minutes. And so this reflects, it looks like --22 agreement. 23 A. I have no recollection of them coming up. 23 for the top meetings, this would have been with what I'll call it at this point in time -- you 24 Q. And in your affidavit you basically state, had 24 know, we're all together. We're working through they come up, you have little doubt that the Page 58 Page 60 parties would have agreed that they should go to the global settlement that was reached in December Macomb as opposed to Detroit? of 2008, and now we're in January through March of 3 A. That was my opinion of that hypothetical in -- two 3 2009. We're working through the details. And this reflects meetings between representatives of 4 years ago. 5 Q. Now, as an experienced attorney, doesn't Judge 5 the counties on one side, Oakland and Macomb, and Cleland's decision resolve the issue in regard to DWSD on the other that would have occurred on the tort claims? these dates, January 29th, March 12th and 7 MS. BADALAMENTI: I'm going to object. March 18th. 8 9 It calls for a legal conclusion. He's not here in **9** Q. So this document refers to due diligence items. his capacity to evaluate the decisions in that There was due diligence being undertaken by 10 11 11 Macomb and Oakland County? 12 A. Yes. 12 **THE WITNESS:** I don't have an opinion. 13 I know that case is still going and the right of 13 Q. Taking you to page 8 of this document, the 14 appeal is going. I can give you a quote from a 14 paragraph 29 indicates that as part of the due 15 former partner and jurist, if that would help. 15 diligence, Macomb and Oakland are looking for the BY MR. WATSON: 16 16 city to "Describe any regulatory complaints or 17 Q. No. I'll ask you after the deposition. Let me 17 notices of violations issued on Detroit or DWSD 18 talk to counsel here. in the past 5 years arising out of or related to 18 19 (Off the record at 9:39 a.m.) 19 the operation of the facilities." Do you see 20 (Back on the record at 9:56 a.m.) **20** that? MR. WATSON: I have no further 21 A. I do. 21 questions. 22 Q. And then italics --22 23 MS. BADALAMENTI: I just have a couple 23 MR. WATSON: Can you tell me where are 24 24 you with that? MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION: 25 MS. BADALAMENTI: 29. 25

Page 61 Page 63 1 **MR. WATSON: 29?** city to "Describe any facts of which DWSD or 2 BY MS. BADALAMENTI: Detroit is aware which would give rise to or 3 Q. In italics are the names Jacobs and Walter. Why support a claim against any contractor or other 4 are those names italicized there? person arising out of or related to the 5 A. The intent was to try to indicate in some cases facilities and state whether such claim [has] the answer we got, the other cases who would been asserted." Do you see that? 7 follow up to get the information. The front of 7 A. I do. this says "Notes from January 29 are in italics." 8 Q. And, again, italicized "Jacobs & Walter will 8 9 I have -- my recollection is the county team put address." That would have, again, been 10 together a list of questions numbering through 34, information provided during the January meetings? 11 35 or whatever, and at the meeting with DWSD, we'd 11 A. Yes. That would reflect the fact they said we'll 12 go through the questions, and italics reflected follow up and get you an answer to this. 13 what occurred on January 29th, and then other 13 O. The non-italicized language underneath there, it 14 typeface to indicate subsequent. indicates "DWSD is not aware of any known, 15 So I believe the reference to Jacobs 15 threatened or pending claims other than those identified in ITEM 30." Do you see that? 16 and Walter after No. 29 was at that first meeting 16 17 in January, Jacobs and Walter, one or the other of 17 A. I do. them, two lawyers from Detroit, would get back 18 Q. That would come from Jacobs and Walters, then, 18 19 with the answer to that question. 19 from the March meetings; is that correct? **20** Q. And underneath those two names not italicized is 20 A. That's correct. My guess with that wording, 21 the word "none." What would that be there for? 21 that's -- actually that looks like that would have 22 A. That would be their answer that, in fact, there 22 been their wording, but maybe not. So, yes. And were no regulatory complaints or notices. 23 I would just -- in further answer to your **24** Q. The next paragraph 30 asks the city to "Describe 24 question, sometimes the answer to this information any civil claims asserted or threatened in the 25 might have come back by way of e-mail, so I Page 62 Page 64 past 5 years arising out of the operation of the couldn't testify here today that that was provided at a meeting as opposed to at a subsequent facilities which have been asserted against Detroit/DWSD or of which Detroit has knowledge." 3 communication, but there would have been a 4 Do you see that? 4 subsequent communication where they got back to me 5 A. Yes. 5 and said we're not aware of any known threat or 6 O. And the italicized names there are "Jacobs & pending claims. Walter will address." Would that have come, 7 Q. And they would be Jacobs and Walters on behalf of DWSD? again, from the January meeting? 9 A. Yes, that would reflect their commitment to come 9 A. That is correct. back and answer that question. 10 10 Q. At any point prior to execution of the 11 O. And there are three claims that are identified acquisition agreement did anybody from Detroit here in response to paragraph 30 in 12 inform you that there was an ongoing criminal non-italicized font. That would be information 13 13 investigation into the irregularities in DWSD 14 that was provided then from Jacobs and Walters 14 construction contracts? during the March meetings; is that correct? 15 MR. RUEGGER: Objection to form. 15 16 A. Yes, it certainly came from them, and that matches 16 THE WITNESS: I have no recollection of 17 17 the meetings on March 12th and 18, yes. That's anybody from DWSD saying that. when they would have gotten back. And then this 18 BY MS. BADALAMENTI: 18 was kind of -- I think it's apparent this was a 19 Q. If such an investigation had been going on and 19 20 document that just kind of grew with -- just got 20 DWSD had notice, was that the information you edited. Every time we got more information or had were looking for in response to those three 21 21 a meeting, the document would get amended to paragraphs that are identified in this due 22 22 23 reflect subsequent information. So that's 23 diligence memo?

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MR. RUEGGER: Objection, form.

MR. WATSON: I'll object, counselor,

information they would have responded to in March.

25 Q. So then taking you to paragraph 32, 32 asks the

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process with regard to system debt or other debt

Page 65 Page 67 speculation. Object to form. or rate-related matters contains an untrue MR. RUEGGER: Misstates the document. 2 2 statement of a material fact or omits to state a 3 **THE WITNESS:** That certainly would have 3 material fact required to be stated therein or 4 been among the things that we wanted to find out 4 necessary to make the statements made, in the about and prompted that question. context in which made, not false or misleading." 5 5 BY MS. BADALAMENTI: 6 6 And if Detroit were aware that there was fraud in 7 Q. Is it your understanding that if Macomb would 7 the costs associated with the 2004 collapse, have been informed of such information, it would 8 certainly as a lawyer I would have advised my 9 not have executed the acquisition agreement on 9 client that that was material. the terms and for the price that it did? 10 10 Q. The last question I have is with respect to 11 MR. RUEGGER: Objection, form. 11 Exhibit 7. I don't think I asked you. I will represent to you that this document was produced 12 MR. WATSON: Object, form, calls for 12 13 speculation. 13 by the City of Detroit in connection with this 14 **THE WITNESS:** I do not believe it would 14 proceeding that your deposition was requested in. 15 have -- the lawyers' advice would have been stop 15 Do you know how the City of Detroit would have 16 and get to the bottom of this. And I guess I 16 obtained your memorandum? 17 can't tell you what Commissioner Marrocco's 17 A. My general approach with this document was it opinion would be because that's privileged. started out as a document with a list of items and 18 18 19 BY MS. BADALAMENTI: 19 questions that would have come from the team to 20 20 Q. The documents that have been put in front of you, Detroit. We would have met. I would have 21 the Letter of Intent, the Settlement Agreement, 21 created, as kind of a recording secretary, an update, and then I would have circulated it to 22 the Acquisition Agreement, is it your opinion 22 23 that any of these documents seek or require that 23 everyone at the meeting, both on the county side 24 DWSD affirmatively represent whether or not there 24 and Detroit side, with a transmittal e-mail --25 transmittal certainly would have been by e-mail 25 are any such investigations or claims? Page 66 Page 68 MR. RUEGGER: Objection to form, no with a note that says "Please review my notes from 1 2 foundation. the meeting. Advise as to whether there's any 3 MR. WATSON: I'll join. 3 corrections or additions." And that was my routine practice, and so I would expect that **THE WITNESS:** In fact, I believe that 4 4 5 the city did undertake obligations to disclose. 5 that's what I did with this, and if this was 6 In the settlement agreement -- excuse me. In the 6 actually produced by Detroit, then I think that 7 7 acquisition agreement, I believe, there is a indicates that drafts went back and forth representation by Detroit that they have not made 8 8 according to my usual practice. 9 any material misstatements or withheld any 9 MS. BADALAMENTI: I don't have any information that would be material to the 10 10 other questions. 11 evaluation of the asset being acquired, and that's 11 **RE-EXAMINATION** 12 BY MR. WATSON: 12 what I'm looking for. I've looked at a number of 13 these documents before this deposition. Paragraph 13 Q. I've got a few follow-up. Looking at paragraph 14 4.5 on page 12 of 25, in the Hupp Exhibit 3, 14 29 of Hupp Exhibit 7, are you aware of any Macomb Acquisition Agreement, at the top of --15 regulatory complaints or notices of violations 15 16 that's not it. I'm sorry. That pertains to 16 issued on Detroit or DWSD in the past five years 17 Macomb's knowledge. 17 prior to, I guess, early 2009? 18 BY MS. BADALAMENTI: 18 MS. BADALAMENTI: Are you asking if 19 Q. Let me see if -- are you referring to either 19 he's aware now? paragraphs 3.7 or 3.8 of the agreement? 20 BY MR. WATSON: 21 A. Yes. It's 3.8. Thank you. The 3.8, the last **21** Q. Yeah, are you aware now? Were you aware then? sentence provides "None of the written data or Are there any, to your knowledge? 22 23 information furnished or made available to Macomb 23 A. This would be the period 2004 to 2009, roughly. I 24 County by Detroit as part of the due diligence don't know. I wasn't tracking the violations, if

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there was environmental complaints. I think

Page 69 Page 71 that's why we were asking the question. 1 Q. Yeah. 2 A. Yes. **2** Q. Are you aware of any violations? Because this says "None." Are you aware that's an untrue 3 Q. And then I believe you focused on the last statement? sentence, which reads: "None of the written data 5 A. Even as I sit here today, I don't know whether or information furnished or made available to Macomb County by Detroit as part of the due that's true or untrue. 7 Q. Going to 30, it says "Describe any civil claims 7 diligence process with regard to system debt or asserted or threatened in the past 5 years," and 8 other debt or rate-related matters contains an it goes on and they list three. Are you aware of untrue statement of a material fact or omits to any claims in addition to those three? 10 10 state a material fact required to be stated 11 A. At what time period? 11 therein or necessary to make the statements made, 12 Q. Well, are you aware now or were you aware back 12 in the context in which made, not false or 13 then when DWSD listed the three? 13 misleading." As you sit here today, do you know 14 A. As of the date of the transaction, I was not aware whether or not Detroit breached that provision? 15 of any other civil claims. I don't know whether 15 A. I don't know one way or the other as a matter of 16 fact. 16 there are any today that are applicable. I don't 17 know whether the -- like, for example, the 17 Q. Is it fair to say that you don't know back in corruption stuff qualifies as civil claim or not, 2009, when these statements were made, what the 18 but we certainly weren't aware of those claims knowledge of Detroit was? 19 20 then. I certainly wasn't. 20 A. That's correct. 21 Q. All right. Then it says No. 32, "Describe any 21 MR. WATSON: That's all I've got. 22 facts of which DWSD or Detroit is aware which 22 MS. BADALAMENTI: That's it. 23 would give rise to or support a claim against any 23 (The deposition was concluded at 10:16 a.m. 24 contractor or other person arising out of or 24 Signature of the witness was not requested by related to the facilities and state whether such 25 counsel for the respective parties hereto.) Page 70 Page 72 1 CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY claim has been asserted." Do you see that 2 STATE OF MICHIGAN ) language? 3 ) SS 3 A. I do. 4 COUNTY OF MACOMB ) 4 Q. And then the response was "DWSD is not aware of 5 any known, threatened or pending claims other 6 I, MELINDA S. MOORE, certify that this than those identified in item 30." Do you know 7 deposition was taken before me on the date 7 whether or not that was a true statement, that 8 hereinbefore set forth; that the foregoing DWSD was not aware of any known, threatened or 8 questions and answers were recorded by me 9 pending claims other than those identified in 30? 10 stenographically and reduced to computer 10 A. I don't know what DWSD's knowledge was at that 11 transcription; that this is a true, full and 12 correct transcript of my stenographic notes so **12** Q. Back in 2009 were you aware of any ongoing 13 irregularities that DWSD should have reported but taken; and that I am not related to, nor of 13 14 counsel to, either party nor interested in the 14 event of this cause. 15 MS. BADALAMENTI: Was he aware then? 15 16 16 Is that what you're asking? 17 17 MR. WATSON: Yeah, back in 2009. 18 THE WITNESS: No. 18 19 BY MR. WATSON: 19 20 Q. We talked about -- or you testified about 20 paragraph 3.8. 21 22 A. In what document, sir? 22 MELINDA S. MOORE, CSR-2258 23 Q. That was in the acquisition agreement, page 11 of 23 Notary Public, **24** 25. 24 Macomb County, Michigan 25 A. 3.8? 25 My Commission expires: September 6, 2016